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## <u>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION HEARINGS ON</u> SINGLE-FIRM CONDUCT TO CONTINUE ON MAY 1

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice's Antitrust Division and the Federal Trade Commission today announced that the second-to-last panel in a series of joint public hearings designed to examine the implications of single-firm conduct under the antitrust laws will take place on May 1 in Washington, D.C. The final panel will be held on May 8.

These hearings have been examining whether and when specific types of single-firm conduct may violate section 2 of the Sherman Act (which prohibits monopolization and attempted monopolization) by harming competition and consumer welfare and when they are procompetitive and lawful.

The May 1 panel will be conducted in a roundtable format and will explore a wide range of enforcement and policy issues regarding single-firm conduct, including the analysis of monopoly power, various proposed standards for exclusionary conduct, and the application of those standards to specific practices. Dennis Carlton, Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, and William Blumenthal, general counsel of the Federal Trade Commission, will moderate the panel. The panel will be held at the Federal Trade Commission's Conference Center, 601 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, D.C., Room A.

Further information is provided below:

## May 1, 2007 Panel (1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

**William J. Baer** is a partner at Arnold & Porter LLP, and former Director of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition.

**Jonathan B. Baker** is a professor of law, Washington College of Law, American University, and former Director of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Economics.

**Stephen Calkins** is a professor of law and the director of graduate studies at Wayne State University Law School, of counsel at Covington & Burling LLP, and former general counsel of the Federal Trade Commission.

**Einer R. Elhauge** is the Carroll and Milton Petrie professor of law and the director of the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.

**Jonathan M. Jacobson** is a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, and commissioner of the Antitrust Modernization Commission.

**William J. Kolasky** is a partner and co-chair of WilmerHale's Antitrust and Competition Department, and former Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division.

**Thomas G. Krattenmaker** is of counsel at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati.

**Janet L. McDavid** is a partner at Hogan & Hartson LLP.

**Robert D. Willig** is a professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School, a director of Competition Policy Associates Inc., and former Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division.

The public and press are invited to attend all of the hearings. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested parties may submit written comments to the Antitrust Division and the FTC.

Further information about these hearings will be posted on the Antitrust Division's Web site at http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/public/hearings/single\_firm/sfchearing.htm and on the FTC's Web site at http://www.ftc.gov/os/sectiontwohearings/index.htm. Individuals seeking more information on the hearings should contact Gail Kursh, Deputy Chief, Legal Policy Section, Antitrust Division, at singlefirmconduct@usdoj.gov, or Patricia Schultheiss, FTC, at section2hearings2@ftc.gov.

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